



every child matters

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Steven Mackison

Opening Hymn: #312 (Common Praise) v.2 only “Sing a New Song Unto the Lord”

Refrain



Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun-tains high.



Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing al-le - lu - ia.

Verse 2



2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep; your Sav-iour now has come. ‡ He has



turned your sor-row to joy, and filled your soul with song.

Text and music: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-). © 1972, 1974, 1979 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Arr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF (1915-1992).

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Please rise as you are able

The Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Vibrant God, your creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow,
your peoples reveal the beauty of diversity.
We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed.
We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system.
We mourn today for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.
Celebrate the hope and joy of every child.
Tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger.
Build the bonds of solidarity to ensure “never again”.
In the name of the one who was child among us. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 17.1-7

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 25.1-9

Priest: To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**All: Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Priest: Show me your ways, O God,
and teach me your paths.

**All: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Priest: Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**All: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.**

Priest: Gracious are you and upright, O God;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

**All: You guide the humble in doing right
and teach your way to the lowly.**

Priest: Your paths, O God, are love and faithfulness

All: to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Philippians 2.1-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #506 (Common Praise) vv.1,3 only "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1.Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev-er
3.Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to

child-like, no cares could de-stroy, be there at our wak-ing and give us, we
wel-come, your arms to em-brace, be there at our hom-ing and give us, we

pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

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The Gospel

Please rise as you are able

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them, blessed them and went on his way.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 19.13-15

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Jim Boyles

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: Creator God, we come before you seeking your will in our lives. We pray for the church. As we strive to preach the Gospel of the Redeemer, open our ears that we may hear your Spirit whispered in the wisdom of elders and in the traditions of our Indigenous neighbours.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for the world you have created. Tame our wills to seek only what we need and transform our desires that we may see all that lives as neighbour, to be cherished as you would have us love you and one another.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for the sick and suffering, the lonely and lost, the abused and neglected, and for all who are ill at ease, in our lives and in creation. Help us to heal all that we have hurt, especially all pain and anguish that comes from the legacy of Residential Schools.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: We pray for those who have died, especially those who died alone, abandoned, or unloved, and those whose stories have never been told.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.

Leader: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort all who mourn this day, and reassure them of a new life where peace abounds. We pray to you:

All: Give us hands to heal and hearts to love.

Leader: Great Spirit, we thank you for the earth in all its abundance, for life in all its beauty and diversity, and for your love which surpasses all understanding.

Please give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving or offer them in silence

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: **Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call.**

Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;

bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings;

the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;

the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #592 (Common Praise) vv.1,3,6 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways ...”



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where cries of tribe and
3. From chil - dren's wound - ed help - less - ness, from men and wom - en's
6. Till all the world shall learn your love, and fol - low where your



race re - sound, a - mid the noise of self - ish strife, O Christ, your
grief and toil, from fam - ished souls, from sor - row's stress, your heart has
feet have trod; till glor - ious from your heaven a - bove shall come the



word of love is found.
nev - er known re - coil.
ci - ty of our God.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider: Steven Mackison

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people
who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

Priest: For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

Priest: On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “ Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit..

Priest: In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

The Road Home – *Stephen Paulus*

Virtual Choir

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?

All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,

Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;

There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

~Michael Dennis Browne

Communion Hymn: #597 (Common Praise) vv 1,4 “Lion and Lamb Lying Together”

Lion and lamb lying together,
justice and peace lying together,
lion and lamb;
they will not hurt nor destroy in all the earth,
the holy mountain of God.
And a little child shall lead them,
and a little child shall lead them,
and a little child shall lead them,
lead them, gently lead them
into God's kingdom.

Strong and oppressed living as equals,
knowledge and trust, living as equals,
strong and oppressed;
they will not hurt nor destroy in all the earth,
the holy mountain of God.
And the Crucified redeems us,
and the Crucified redeems us,
and the Crucified redeems us,
saves us, with his blood brings us
into God's kingdom.

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Prayer After Communion

Priest: Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

Floral Dedication

The two vases of flowers in the chancel are placed to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Doris and Robert Hunter, and in loving memory of Pat and Rev'd Duncan MacLean, and Norman Brown by Avery MacLean and her family.

Season of Creation

Sunday, September 27, 4 PM is the launch service for *Season of Creation*, a month-long journey of worship and special events. The theme this year is *All My Relations: Learning to Live in the Family of Earth*.

Through scripture, music, poetry, and secular writings, we will explore the Indigenous worldview that all of life is interrelated.

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of KAIROS: Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, who will preach on the launch service's theme, *Earth Song*.

Please join us: it will be joyful!

This service will be pre-recorded; for the link, please visit our website theredeemer.ca

What's in a Worldview: From Creation Stories to Trickster Tales (Saturday, October 3 – 9 AM to Noon)

This [workshop](#) will be presented by Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Chair on Truth and Reconciliation at Lakehead University, with Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, Adjunct Professor, Trinity College, Toronto School of Theology, as responder.

Through reflection and storytelling, Cynthia will relate an Indigenous understanding of the relationship of human beings with the rest of creation. Sylvia will respond by reflecting on the ways Indigenous wisdom could inform the Western settler church's historical understanding of the biblical worldview that places human beings "in charge" of the rest of creation.

During the workshop, participants will have opportunities to ask questions and reflect on their own awareness of their relationship to the earth. A desired outcome of this workshop is for the participants to leave informed and inspired, and with their imaginations and hearts open to the concept that we are all related in this family of earth, "We live because everything else does."

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

Reconciliation Mural Zoom Conversation (Wednesday, September 30 @ 7 PM)

ISWG hopes that everyone has had an opportunity to visit [their page](#) on Redeemer's website to view the mural vision and concept brief documents and to see answers to frequently asked questions.

What comments or questions do you have about the mural? You are invited to a Zoom conversation on Wednesday, September 30 from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP to iswg.redeemer@gmail.com.

Marginalia

“Marginalia” are the marks you scribble around the border edges of pages of a book. Redeemer's series by this name is a sort of “Sunday School for grown-ups” and meets on Zoom on **Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM**. Our October series is “Rewilding Faith: Learning from Old Testament Theologies of Creation”. The schedule for the balance of 2020 is on the [Learning@Redeemer](#) page of our website. Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence leads the conversations. To be added to the list for Zoom login details, please contact Nate at nwall@theredeemer.ca.

Concluding Hymn

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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